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Commissioner for Patents

P E Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Kenichi MIYAZAKI

LARGE PRINTER

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION

Our Ref: Q55595

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/386,000 filed on August 30, 1999 of Kenichi MIYAZAKI entitled LARGE PRINTER.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3651.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on April 3, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from 08/31/98, and 08/31/98, based on Japanese Application Nos. 10-246035, and 10-246039, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/386,000.

Assignment for published patent application is: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$710.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any 00000033 194880 09386000

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petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/386,000. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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